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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (new): A magnetic rake, comprising:

- one or more magnets;
- a rake body configured to contain said magnets;
- teeth attached to said rake body; and
- a handle attached to said rake body.

Claim 5 (new): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said rake body is substantially cylindrical in shape.

Claim 6 (new): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said rake body and said teeth are formed of a non-magnetic alloy.

Claim 7 (new): The magnetic rake of Claim 6, wherein said non-magnetic alloy is aluminum.

Claim 8 (new): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said handle is detachably connected to said rake body using a mechanical system.

Claim 9 (new): The magnetic rake of Claim 4, wherein said handle is non-removably attached to said rake body.

Claim 10 (new): A method of making a magnetic rake, said method comprising the acts of:

- extruding a material to form a rake body;

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forming teeth from a portion of material attached to said rake body;
placing at least one magnet within said rake body; and
attaching a handle to said rake body.

Claim 11 (new): The method of Claim 10, wherein extruding a material comprises extruding a non-magnetic alloy.

Claim 12 (new): The method of Claim 10, wherein forming teeth comprises machining, stamping, or cutting teeth shapes into said rake body.

Claim 13 (new): A method of collecting ferro-magnetic items from a surface area, said method comprising the acts of:

engaging said surface area with a rake body with teeth and enclosing at least one magnet; and

allowing ferro-magnetic items from said surface area to collect on said rake body.

Claim 14 (new): The method of Claim 13, wherein engaging said surface area with said rake body comprises agitating said surface area with said teeth to loosen said ferro-magnetic items.

Claim 15 (new): The method of Claim 13, wherein engaging said surface area with said rake body comprises inverting said magnetic rake body such that said teeth face away from said surface area.

Claim 16 (new): A system for collecting ferro-metallic items from an area, said system comprising:

means for agitating a ground surface of said area; and

means, enclosed within said means for agitating, for attracting ferro-magnetic items to said means for agitating using magnetic force.

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Claim 17 (new): The system of Claim 16, wherein said agitating means comprise triangular teeth on a rake body.

Claim 18 (new): The system of Claim 16, wherein said agitating means comprise non-triangular teeth on a rake body.

Claim 19 (new): The system of Claim 16, wherein said attracting means comprise one or more magnets housed inside a rake body.